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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner Ross N. Gushi	Art Unit 2833	<i>RW</i>

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-5 and 9 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 6-8 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 17 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in —

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a);

Claims 1-5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Imschweiler et al. ("Imschweiler"). Regarding claim 1, Imschweiler discloses a connector with electronic module, comprising: an isolation chassis 20, said isolation chassis having a receiving space 18 at one side and a space (see figure 15) at the other apart from said receiving space, and a through channel 52 between said receiving space and said space; a plurality terminals 22 having a flat base 22c, and said base comprising a connecting end 22a at one side and a securing end 22b apart from said connecting ends wherein said connecting end of said terminals can be passed through said through channel of said isolation chassis; a circuit board 24, having a plurality of contact points for having electrical contact with said securing end 22b of said terminals and a plurality of electronic elements 90 positioned thereon; and a transmission module 84, said transmission module having a terminal set for inlaying positioning a plurality of

transmission terminals 26, each said transmission terminals have a welding end 26a formed at one end portion of the base and a bent securing end 22b at other end thereof, wherein said securing end can have an electrical contact with said plurality of contact points 88 set on the other side of said circuit board, and wherein said circuit board and said transmission module can be positioned within said space of said isolation chassis.

Per claim 2, said securing end of said terminals can have electrical contact with said plurality of contact points of said circuit board by adhering to a surface thereof.

Per claim 3 said securing end of said terminals can have electrical contact with said plurality of contact points of said circuit board by puncturing said contact points of said circuit board with said terminals.

Per claim 4, the securing end of said transmission terminals can have electrical contact with said plurality of contact points of said circuit board by adhering a surface thereof.

Per claim 5, said securing end of said transmission terminals can have electrical contact with said plurality of contact points of said circuit board by puncturing said contact points of said circuit board with said transmission terminals.

Per claim 9, said electronic element is comprised of a filter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Regarding claim 6, the prior art does not suggest the connector as claimed, including the combination of all the claimed elements, the

combination including the buckling grooves and corresponding buckles as claimed. Regarding claim 7, the prior art does not suggest the connector as claimed, including the combination of all the claimed elements, the combination including the grooves and tracks as claimed. Regarding claim 8, the prior art does not suggest the connector as claimed, including the combination of all the claimed elements, the combination including the grooves as claimed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ross Gushi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2005. If attempts to reach the examiner by phone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley, can be reached at 571-272-2800 extension 33. The phone number for the Group's facsimile is (703) 872-9306.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

